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## MANY JEWS IN WAR

Half a Million Fighting in Ranks of Various Nations.

Most of Them Are Under Czar, but Others Prove Loyalty to Respective Lands—Win High Rank and Decorations.

London.—More than half a million soldiers of the Jewish faith are now fighting in the ranks of the various belligerent nations. The majority of these are of course serving in the armies of the czar, in which they have earned recognition for exceptional bravery and good service.

Many have been decorated with military orders; some have even gained the much coveted Cross of St. George of the First Class, the equivalent of the Victoria Cross. From the other belligerent countries come similar records. Judging from the awards for gallantry which Jewish soldiers are receiving from the rulers of all lands, Jews are doing their duty to the states of which they are citizens.

One of the most recent acts of bravery performed by Jewish soldiers that has come under notice is that of M. Georges Dreyfus of the French army, who, having been educated in England, may be considered partly English. In acknowledgment of his exceptional intrepidity and courage he was promoted on the battlefield to commissioned rank. He was also awarded the much coveted Croix de Guerre, and has been recommended to the British government for the award of the D. S. O.

Another French-Jewish soldier to gain distinction on the battlefield was Capt. Henri Franck. He was killed in action. In the army order he was referred to as "an officer of the greatest bravery, who set an example of coolness and tenacity. He was mortally wounded while organizing the defense of a mill." One of the Franco-Jewish generals, General Bernheim, who was attached to the Belgian army, has been wounded.

It is rumored that the British army authorities are now declining to enlist men of Jewish birth whose fathers were not British subjects, natural-born or naturalized. It is very improbable that this rumor has any foundation, for a considerable number of men of all ranks in the British army are of foreign parentage, and one regiment, the Zion Mule corps, is composed entirely of foreign subjects. As a parallel there is the Foreign Legion in the French army.

Such a decision would have a very unfortunate effect on recruiting among Jews in England, four-fifths of whom are either of foreign birth or parentage. That no such regulation has been in force in the past is evidenced by the number of Jews of foreign parentage, German as well as other nationalities, who are in the British army.

So far as the Jewish middle class is concerned it is very exceptional for the sons or grandsons of Germans who are of military age not to be in the British army, where several have already gained distinction. These families are able to compare in their own experience the lot of the Jew in Germany with that of his coreligionist in this country. His loyalty to England is beyond doubt.

M. Louis Lucien Klotz, the minister of commerce in the new French cabinet, has held ministerial office on several previous occasions. Two years ago he was minister of the interior in the Barthou ministry, and in the three ministries which preceded that he held the portfolio of finance. During the past half century and more Jews have frequently held office in French cabinets. The names of Clemenceau, Fould, Goudchaux and Raynal will immediately spring to the memory of the student of modern French history.

The Italian cabinet also contains a Jewish member, Signor Barillari, and in the foreign minister, Baron Sonnino, the son of a Jewish father and a Scottish mother. In the past Italy has had a Jewish premier, a Jewish minister of war and two Jewish ministers of finance. England has had in recent years three Jewish cabinet ministers, some of whom are in the present cabinet, but all of them are among the advisers of the government.

### TRENCH COOKING BY GIRLS

Women's College in London Gives a Special Course for Women War Workers.

London.—Cookery lessons in a trench dug in the grounds of the new King's College for Women (University of London, at Campden Hill) is among the features of a special course on camp cookery inaugurated at the college recently and open to non-students.

This course and one which opened recently on "Economic Housekeeping in Wartime," will, it is thought, be specially useful to women war workers, in view of the fact that the employment of women as cooks, porters, orderlies, etc., is now permitted in the military hospitals.

The practical work in the camp cookery course will be undertaken out of doors whenever possible and will include the building and making of outside fires, ovens, etc., improving of camp cookery implements, the jointing of meat, etc. Attention will therefore be directed to cooking in large quantities, stewing, soup making, bread making and the making of stews and puddings.

## SERB REAL SOLDIER

He Fights Well Even When Half Starving.

Has Many Characteristics of the Irish—Continuous Warfare Has Interfered Seriously With Ordinary Agricultural Operations.

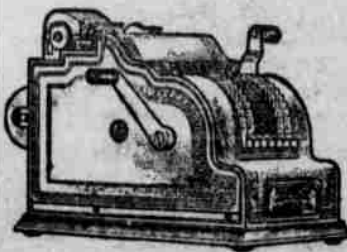
London.—A writer in the Times gives interesting personal impressions of the Serb people, as seen by him in war time. He found many Irish characteristics among the people and declares that the Serb soldier is the ideal fighting man.

"The Serbians," he writes, "are a peasant people, strangers to luxury, and the Serbian army is a peasant army. At the best of times the Serbian peasant's food is of the simplest, consisting of bread, some potatoes, curried milk and rarely—very rarely, on occasional feast days and holidays—a little meat. Bread is the staff of life in Serbia in a very real sense. For four years now Serbia has been almost continuously at war; and it has been difficult for the womenfolk—the men all being in the ranks—to keep up the ordinary agricultural operations."

"Serbia has become poor to a degree which the most congested districts of Ireland in years of bad crops hardly understand; and the diet of the whole people, of the masses of country folk especially, has been more meager than ever. More than ever a meal has meant merely a chunk of bread, and coarse war bread, difficult for a foreigner to eat. There are those who believe that it has been bread which has caused most of the intestinal troubles from which British doctors and nurses have suffered in Serbia so severely this year; but the Serb thrives on it."

"The Serbian soldier, then, has become inured to a life of extreme privation; and in the fighting of last winter it was his toughness and ability to stand hardship which more than anything else gave him advantage over the Austrians. Again and again I have heard from Serbian officers the same story, of how their men, having had nothing to eat for, perhaps, two days, in a country stripped of all eatables and mostly knee deep in mud, pushed on, utterly careless of whether there was any commissariat or not, and simply hunted the Austrians day and night without giving them a moment's rest. Only men of iron, to whom semistarvation had become almost the normal condition of their existence, could have done what the Serbians did then."

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is that the Serb is absurdly like the Irishman. The two master words in the Serbian tongue today are 'nema,' which means 'No, there isn't any,' and 'dobra,' which means 'good.' 'Nema' is the result of the last four years of privation. 'There isn't any.' It is true of almost everything. The visitor grows accustomed to going down a street of shops and asking everywhere for some simple article, and everywhere meeting with the same reply, 'Nema.'

"At the smallest excuse 'Dobra' follows. Everything is 'good.' You ask the soldier, wounded or ill, awaiting his turn to be admitted to the hospital how he is, and before you ask you know that the answer will be 'Dobra' and that it will be accompanied by a smile. You tell the unwounded man that the Germans are coming, outnumbering the Serbian armies by three to one, to wipe Serbia and the Serbians off the map, and he laughs a carefree laugh and his eyes twinkle as he tells you 'Dobra.'

"There is also a third master word in the language, which is 'utra,' and that, alas! means 'tomorrow,' that beautiful indefinite time when everything is going to be done that ought to be done today. That also is very Irish. But in the Serbian case it is chiefly the result of 400 years of Turkish rule, four centuries during which procrastination and indifference have been the guiding principles of all politics and all administrative acts."

"It is impossible to think of the Serb man except as a soldier, and that is the chief weakness of Serbia's military position today. She has no reserves. Her entire fighting strength, almost her manhood strength, is already in the ranks. Only in Nish, in connection with the government of

nees, does one see any number of males of military age who are not in uniform, gray or khaki, with the little Serbian service cap, like a khaki glen-garry without the tails, set jauntily on the head; and queer haddies, moon-caslike laced footgear, which looks at first unsuited, but which is excellently adapted to the rough hills and muddy valleys which make the Serbians' battlefields."

### Cow Takes Rest in Bank.

Highmore, S. D.—A drove of cattle was being driven down Main street. One old cow saw the open back door of the First National Bank of Highmore and turned into it. She walked down the stairway to the cellar, where she was discovered lying down.

### Father of Twenty Is Seventy-Six.

Pullman, Wash.—R. B. Hatley, prominent farmer of the Ewatsville district, is the proud father of a ten-pound son, making 30 children of whom Mr. Hatley, who has passed his seventy-sixth milestone, is the father.

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